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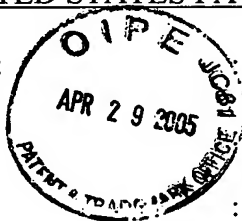
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF:

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: ART UNIT: 1621

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FOR: METHOD FOR PRODUCING ASPARTAME DERIVATIVE, METHOD FOR
PURIFYING THE SAME, CRYSTALS THEREOF AND USES OF THE SAME

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.312

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SIR:

Responsive to the Notice of Allowance of March 15, 2005, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendment in the above-identified application in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.312.

Amendments to the Specification begins on page 2 of this response.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this response.